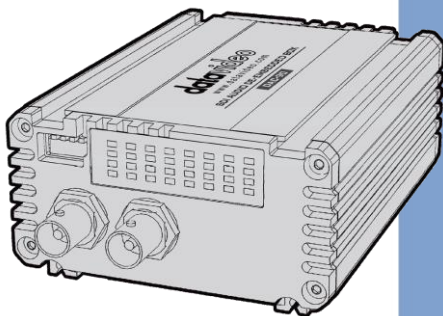




SDI AUDIO
DE-EMBEDDER
DAC-90
Instruction Manual

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FCC Compliance Statement

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Warnings and Precautions

1. Read all of these warnings and save them for later reference.
2. Follow all warnings and instructions marked on this unit.
3. Unplug this unit from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use liquid or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth for cleaning.
4. Do not use this unit in or near water.
5. Do not place this unit on an unstable cart, stand, or table. The unit may fall, causing serious damage.
6. Slots and openings on the cabinet top, back, and bottom are provided for ventilation. To ensure safe and reliable operation of this unit, and to protect it from overheating, do not block or cover these openings. Do not place this unit on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface, as the ventilation openings on the bottom of the cabinet will be blocked. This unit should never be placed near or over a heat register or radiator. This unit should not be placed in a built-in installation unless proper ventilation is provided.
7. This product should only be operated from the type of power source indicated on the marking label of the AC adapter. If you are not sure of the type of power available, consult your Datavideo dealer or your local power company.
8. Do not allow anything to rest on the power cord. Do not locate this unit where the power cord will be walked on, rolled over, or otherwise stressed.
9. If an extension cord must be used with this unit, make sure that the total of the ampere ratings on the products plugged into the extension cord do not exceed the extension cord's rating.
10. Make sure that the total amperes of all the units that are plugged into a single wall outlet do not exceed 15 amperes.
11. Never push objects of any kind into this unit through the cabinet ventilation slots, as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in risk of fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind onto or into this unit.
12. Except as specifically explained elsewhere in this manual, do not attempt to service this product yourself. Opening or removing covers that are marked "Do Not



Remove” may expose you to dangerous voltage points or other risks, and will void your warranty. Refer all service issues to qualified service personnel.

13. Unplug this product from the wall outlet and refer to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:
 - a. When the power cord is damaged or frayed;
 - b. When liquid has spilled into the unit;
 - c. When the product has been exposed to rain or water;
 - d. When the product does not operate normally under normal operating conditions. Adjust only those controls that are covered by the operating instructions in this manual; improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage to the unit and may often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the unit to normal operation;
 - e. When the product has been dropped or the cabinet has been damaged;
 - f. When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance, indicating a need for service.

Warranty

Standard Warranty

- Datavideo equipment is guaranteed against manufacturing defects for **one (1) year** from the date of purchase.
- A valid purchase invoice or other proof of purchase must be provided when requesting warranty service.
- The warranty period begins on the actual purchase date. If the purchase date cannot be verified, the warranty period will begin **thirty (30) days after shipment** from a Datavideo office.
- Non-Datavideo branded products (products without the Datavideo logo) are covered by a **one-year warranty** from the date of purchase.
- Damage caused by accident, misuse, unauthorized repair, or exposure to sand, grit, or water is **not covered** under warranty.
- Virus or malware infections on computer systems are **not covered** under warranty.
- Any issues caused by unauthorized third-party software installations that are not required by Datavideo systems are **not covered** under warranty.
- All shipping, mailing, or transportation costs, including insurance, are the responsibility of the owner unless otherwise stated.
- **Teleprompter glass is not covered** under warranty.
- Accessories, including **headphones, cables, batteries, metal parts, housings,**

protective cases, cable reels, and consumable items, are not covered under warranty.

- Warranty is valid only in the country or region of purchase.
- All other claims **not explicitly stated** are not covered.
- Your statutory rights remain unaffected.

Five Year Warranty

- Starting January 1, 2026, all Datavideo products that are successfully registered on the Datavideo official website are eligible for a **free four-year extended warranty**, in addition to the standard one-year warranty, for a total of **five years of coverage**.
- **Only registrations completed through the Datavideo official website qualify** for the five-year warranty. Registrations completed through local Datavideo offices, resellers, or authorized distributors **are not eligible**.
- Certain parts with limited service life — including **LCD panels, DVD drives, hard drives, solid-state drives, SD cards, USB thumb drives, lighting equipment, non-PCIe cards, and third-party PC components** — are covered by a **one-year warranty only** and are **not eligible** for the extended warranty.
- **Camera modules** are covered by a **three-year warranty from the date of purchase**.



Disposal



For EU Customers only - WEEE Marking

This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of with your other household waste. Instead, it is your responsibility to dispose of your waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to

conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.



CE Marking is the symbol as shown on the left of this page. The letters "CE" are the abbreviation of French phrase "Conformité Européenne" which literally means "European Conformity". The term initially used was "EC Mark" and it was officially replaced by "CE Marking" in the Directive 93/68/EEC in 1993. "CE Marking" is now used in all EU official documents.

Introduction

DAC-90 is an audio de-embedding box that allows the user to de-embed 16 analog audio signals (4 at a time) from the SDI video signal.

It features 3G/HD/SD-SDI to support up to 1080p/60 video format and automatically detects and switches between different formats. In addition, 4 mini XLR audio connectors are provided to output analog audio to audio devices such as monitors, recorders, switchers, and audio mixers.

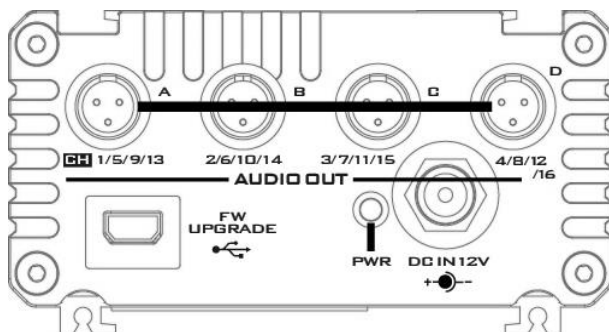
SMPTE and EBU settings are available on the audio box and assignments of the de-embedded audio signal are set using the built-in DIP switches.

Features

- Audio de-embedding from SDI signal
- Automatic detection of 3G, HD, and SD signals
- 4 analog MINI XLR audio outputs
- Assignable de-embedded audio signals
- Audio level indicator display
- Switchable SMPTE and EBU audio levels
- Control via DIP Switches

Connections & Controls

Front Panel



Mini-XLR

Balanced XLR Audio Output



FW
UPGRADE

USB

Firmware Upgrade Port



Power Indicator

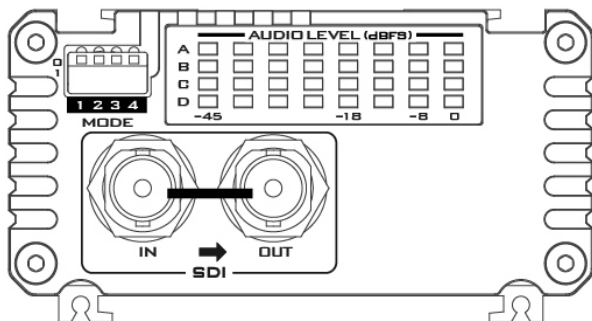
Indicates the power status



DC In Socket

Connects the supplied 12V PSU to this socket. The connection can be secured by screwing the outer fastening ring of the DC In plug to the socket.

Rear Panel



SDI IN

SDI input for video and audio



SDI OUT

Re-clocked Video and Audio output from SDI input

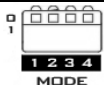


Audio level indicator display

Indications of current audio level

Green					Yellow		Red
-45~-40	-39~-35	-34~-29	-28~-24	-23~-18	-17~-13	-12~-8	-7~0

(Unit : dBFS)



4 PIN DIP Switch

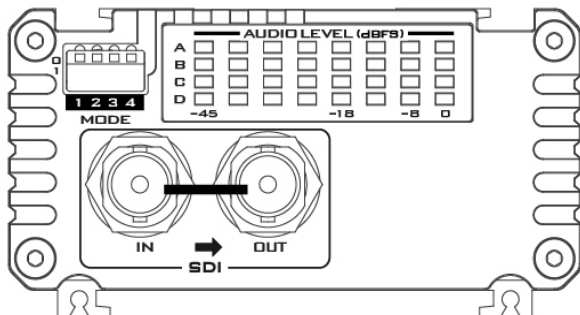
Audio level adjustment

4 PIN DIP Switch Configuration

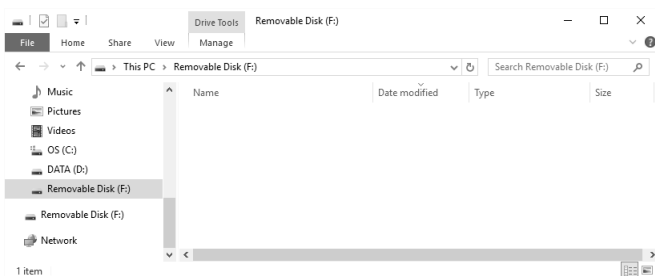
DIP SWITCH SETTING							
1		2		3		4	
AUDIO LEVEL		AUDIO DE-EMBED OUTPUT				FIRMWARE UPDATE	
0	SMPTE	00	GROUP 1 CH 1 2 3 4	10	GROUP 3 CH 9 10 11 12	0	DISABLE
1	EBU	01	GROUP 2 CH 5 6 7 8	11	GROUP 4 CH 13 14 15 16	1	ENABLE

Firmware Update

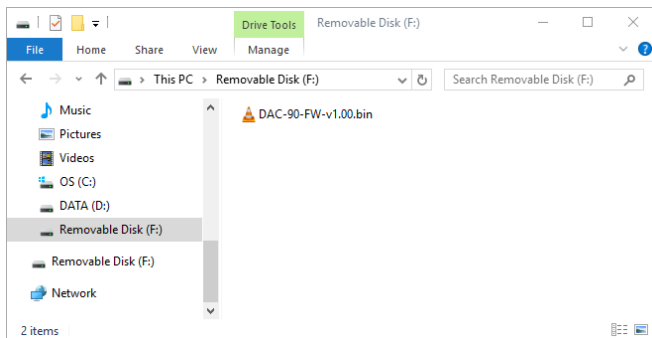
1. Disconnect DC 12V Power Supply from DAC-90 and remove Mini-USB connection
2. Set DIP SW4 to 1 (1: down; 0: up)



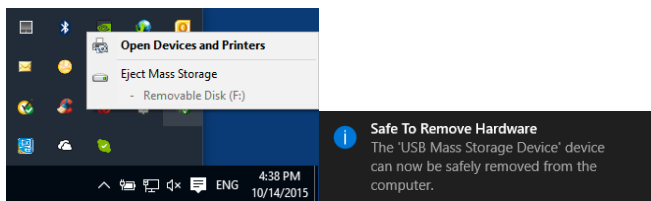
3. Connect the DAC-90 mini-USB port to the PC via a USB cable (you do not need to connect the DC 12V Power at this point and the PWR LED should be off)
4. The PC will detect the USB device. If this is your first time connecting the DAC-90 to the PC, you will see “DAC-90 Datavideo Tech USB Drive” appearing at the bottom right hand corner of the desktop. You should see an empty drive after it is opened.



5. Copy and paste the latest firmware file (DAC-90-FW-v1.00.bin) to the device



6. Safely remove the Datavideo USB device



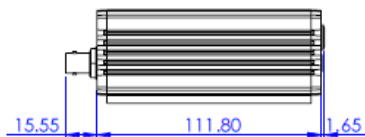
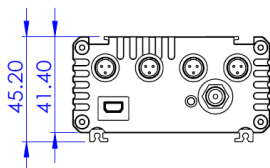
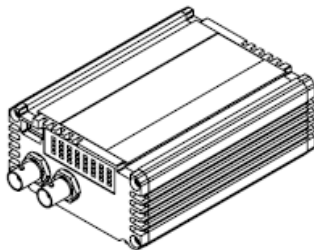
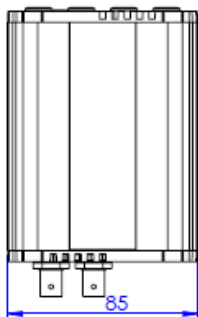
7. Set DIP SW 4 to 0 and then remove the Mini USB connection after the update is completed
8. After the DC 12V Power Supply is connected, you will then see the PWR LED turned on, Audio Level Indicators all ON and then fade towards the left, indicating that the device is operating properly.

Frequently Asked Questions

This section describes problems that you may encounter while using DAC-90. If you have questions, please refer to related sections and follow all suggested solutions. If problem still exists, please contact your distributor or the service center.

No.	Problems	Solutions
1.	What are the corresponding SMPTE and EBU audio output levels?	If the maximum SDI audio input level is 0 dBFS, then the Mini-XLR output level is 24dBu for SMPTE and 18dBu for EBU.

Dimensions & Weight



All measurements in mm

Unboxed Unit Weight: 0.37 Kg

Boxed Unit Weight: 0.6 Kg

Specifications

Interface	
SDI Video Input	3G/HD/SD SDI x 1
SDI Video Output	3G/HD/SD SDI x 1 (Re-clocked Loop through)
Analog Audio Output	Mini XLR (Balanced) x 4
Audio Output Impedance	50 Ω
Audio Input Impedance	RCA 20 k Ω , XLR 42 k Ω
Audio Level Indicator	Power LED x 1 Audio Level LED : 4 rows
Updates and Configuration	Mini USB x 1
Standards	
SDI Format Support	SD: NTSC 525/29.97 and PAL 625/25 HD: 1080p 23.98/24/25/29.97/30/50/59.94/60 1080i 50/59.94/60 720p 23.98/24/25/29.97/30/50/59.94/60
SDI Compliance	SMPTE 259M, SMPTE 292M, SMPTE 296M, SMPTE 424M, SMPTE 425M-AB ITU-R BT.656, ITU-R BT.1120-6
SDI Video Rates	SDI video connections are switchable between standard definition and high definition.
SDI Video Sampling	4:2:2 / 4:4:4
SDI Audio Sampling	24-bit (SD 20-bit), 48KHz
SDI Color Precision	4:2:2 / 4:4:4 (8/10/12-bit)

SDI Color Space	YUV, RGB
SDI Auto Switching	Automatically detects SD, HD, 3G
Audio Level	SMPTE and EBU switchable
General	
Settings Control	DIP Switch
Power Supply	DC 12V
Operating Temperature	0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)
Operating Humidity	10% to 90% (non condensing)
Certification	CE, FCC
Accessory	Power Adapter

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